GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN NUMBER OF COWS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian breeds of cow are on the verge of extinction as reported in Jansatta dated July 15, 2007; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a)&(b): As per the 17th Livestock Census, indigenous cattle population in the country has declined by 10.2 per cent during the inter-censal period from 1997 to 2003. In order to know the actual status of different indigenous breeds of cattle in the country, the Government has decided to conduct 18th Livestock Census breedwise. The details of various schemes run by the Government for development and conservation of indigenous breeds of cattle are given at Annexure-I and II.